- (A) this Act:
- (B) the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116-136);
- (C) the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260);
- (D) American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117–2); or
- (E) any Federal amounts appropriated or any Federal program authorized after the date of enactment of this Act to fund broadband infrastructure deployment;
- (2) contains data, with respect to each broadband infrastructure deployment program, relating to—
  - (A) the Federal agency of jurisdiction;
  - (B) the program title; and
- (C) the network type, including wired, terrestrial fixed, wireless, mobile, and satellite broadband infrastructure deployment;
- (3) allows users to manipulate the Deployment Locations Map to identify, search, and filter broadband infrastructure deployment projects by—
  - (A) company name;
- (B) duration timeline, including the dates of a project's beginning and ending, or anticipated beginning or ending date;
- (C) total number of locations to which a project makes service available; and
- (D) relevant download and upload speeds; and
- (4) incorporates broadband service availability data as depicted in the Broadband Map created under section 802(c)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 642(c)(1)).
  - (e) PERIODIC UPDATES.—
- (1) In GENERAL.—The Commission shall, in consultation with relevant Federal agencies, ensure the Deployment Locations Map is maintained and up to date on a periodic basis, but not less frequently than once every 180 days.
- (2) OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES.—Each Federal agency providing funding for broadband infrastructure deployment shall report relevant data to the Commission on a periodic basis
- (f) No EFFECT ON PROGRAMMATIC MISSIONS.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the programmatic missions of Federal agencies providing funding for broadband infrastructure development.
- (g) Nonduplication.—The requirements in this section shall be consistent with and avoid duplication with the provisions of section 903 of division FF of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260)
- (h) FUNDING.—Of the amounts appropriated to carry out this division under this Act, \$10,000,000 shall be made available to carry out this section.
- SA 2165. Mr. WARNOCK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:
- At the appropriate place in division C, insert the following:
- SEC. 30\_\_\_\_\_. HELPING OBTAIN PROSPERITY FOR EVERYONE PROGRAM.
- (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 5307 the following:
- "§ 5308. Helping Obtain Prosperity for Everyone program
  - "(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

- "(1) AREA OF PERSISTENT POVERTY.—The term 'area of persistent poverty' means—
- "(A) a county that has consistently had greater than or equal to 20 percent of the population living in poverty during the most recent 30-year period for which data is available, as measured by the 1990 and 2000 decennial censuses and the most recent Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, as estimated by the Bureau of the Census;
- "(B) a census tract with a poverty rate of at least 20 percent as measured by the most recent 5-year data series available from the American Community Survey of the Bureau of the Census for all States and Puerto Rico; or
- "(C) any other territory or possession of the United States of which at least 20 percent of the population has consistently lived in poverty over the most recent 30-year period for which data is available, as measured by the 1990, 2000, and 2010 decennial censuses or equivalent data of the Bureau of the Census.
- "(2) COVERED PROJECT.—The term 'covered project' means any project eligible under this chapter carried out by an eligible entity that would serve an area of persistent poverty.
- "(3) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term 'eligible entity' means an eligible recipient or sub-recipient under section 5307, 5310, or 5311 that seeks to carry out a covered project.
- "(4) PROGRAM.—The term 'program' means the Helping Obtain Prosperity for Everyone program established under subsection (b).
- "(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall carry out a program, to be known as the 'Helping Obtain Prosperity for Everyone' program, to award grants to eligible entities—
- "(1) to carry out planning or engineering work for covered projects, which may include studies or analyses to assess the transit needs of an area of persistent poverty; and
- "(2) to develop technical or financing plans for covered projects.
- "(c) APPLICATION.—An eligible entity seeking a grant under the program, or a State department of transportation acting on behalf of an eligible entity seeking a grant under the program, shall submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.
- "(d) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of an activity described in subsection (b) shall be not less than 90 percent.
- "(e) OUTREACH.—Not later than 1 year after the date on which the Secretary establishes the program, the Secretary shall conduct outreach, including through personal contact, webinars, online materials, and other appropriate methods determined by the Secretary, to eligible entities with respect to grant opportunities under the program.
- "(f) Partnerships.—
- "(1) IN GENERAL.—The recipient of a grant under the program may enter into a partnership with a nonprofit organization or other entity to assist the recipient in carrying out the activities described in subsection (b).
- "(2) ENCOURAGEMENT.—The Secretary shall encourage recipients of grants under the program to enter into partnerships with nonprofit organizations that could assist the recipient in ensuring that a covered project results in lower emissions or no emissions.
- "(g) RURAL AREAS.—Of the amounts made available to carry out the program each fiscal year, the Secretary shall ensure that not less than 20 percent is used to carry out covered projects in rural areas.
- "(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.— There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal year 2022 through 2026."

- (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 5307 the following:
- "5308. Helping Obtain Prosperity for Everyone program.".

**SA 2166.** Mr. WARNOCK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In section 30005, add at the end the following:

- (c) COMMUTER OR DESTINATION-BASED BUS RAPID TRANSIT PROJECTS.—Section 5309 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—
- (1) in subsection (a) (as amended by subsection (a))—
- (A) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through (6) as paragraphs (3) through (7);
- (B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:
- "(2) COMMUTER OR DESTINATION-BASED BUS RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT.—The term 'commuter or destination-based bus rapid transit project' means a small start project utilizing buses—
- "(A) in which the project represents a substantial investment in a defined corridor, as demonstrated by features that emulate the services provided by commuter rail or other rail fixed guideway public transportation systems, including—
  - "(i) defined stations;
- "(ii) traffic signal or access to managed lanes for public transportation vehicles;
- "(iii) short headway services for a substantial part of weekdays; and
- "(iv) any other features the Secretary may determine support a long-term corridor investment; and
  - "(B) in which-
- "(i) the majority of the project does not operate in a separated right-of-way dedicated for public transportation use during peak periods; and
- "(ii) a substantial portion of the project operates in a highway right-of-way.";
- (2) in subsection (h), by adding at the end the following:
- "(8) COMMUTER OR DESTINATION-BASED BUS RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT RATINGS.—In issuing policy guidance under subsection (g)(5), the Secretary may establish alternative evaluation criteria for commuter or destination-based bus rapid transit projects for—
- "(A) economic development effects associated with those projects; or
- "(B) policies and land use patterns that support public transportation."; and
- (3) in subsection (m), by adding at the end the following:
- "(3) COST OF CARRYING OUT PLANNING AND ACTIVITIES REQUIRED UNDER THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT OF 1969.—
- "(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), the cost of carrying out the planning and activities required under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), including planning and activities carried out prior to a project entering into the project development phase, shall be counted toward the net capital project cost for purposes of paragraph (1).
- "(B) GUIDANCE.—The Secretary shall provide guidance to applicants on the costs of planning and activities required under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) that are eligible to be counted under subparagraph (A)."

SA 2167. Mr. WARNOCK (for himself and Mr. Padilla) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. Portman, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Cassidy, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Collins, Mr. Tester, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Warner, and Mr. Romney)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 2637, line 15, strike "\$47,272,000,000" and insert "\$51,772,000,000". On page 2637, line 18, strike "\$9,454,400,000" and insert "\$10,354,400,000".

On page 2637, line 20, strike "\$9,454,400,000" and insert "\$10,354,400,000".

On page 2637, line 22, strike "\$9,454,400,000" and insert "\$10,354,400,000".

On page 2637, line 24, strike "\$9,454,400,000" and insert "\$10,354,400,000".

On page 2638, line 1, strike "\$9,454,400,000" and insert "\$10,354,400,000".

On page 2658, line 14, strike "\$500,000,000' and insert "\$5,000,000,000".

On page 2658, line 20, strike ''\$100,000,000' and insert ''\$1,000,000,000''.

On page 2658, line 22, strike "\$400,000,000" and insert "\$4,000,000,000".

On page 2659, line 2, strike "\$15,000,000" and insert "\$150.000.000".

SA 2168. Mr. WARNOCK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. Schumer (for Ms. Sinema (for herself, Mr. Portman, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Cassidy, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Collins, Mr. Tester, Ms. Murkowski, Mr. Warner, and Mr. Romney)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in division F, insert the following:

## SEC. 60\_\_\_\_. ACCESS TO DEVICES.

- (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "Device Access for Every American Act".
- (b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—
- (1) approximately 25 percent of adults in the United States do not own a computer:
- (2) 4,400,000 households with students still lack consistent access to a computer, which prevents those students from completing schoolwork:
- (3) there are no reliable estimates about the number of students forced to share a computer with another member of their household, potentially forcing the household to choose between important online activities such as work and learning;
- (4) for those households without a computer or tablet, most cannot afford one; and
- (5) while computer access is nearly ubiquitous among high-income households, 40 percent of low-income adults lack a computer.
  - (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:
- (1) COMMISSION.—The term "Commission" means the Federal Communications Commission.
- (2) CONNECTED DEVICE.—The term "connected device" means any of the following:
  - (A) A desktop computer.
- (B) A laptop computer.
- (C) A tablet computer.
- (D) Any similar device (except for a telephone or smartphone) that the Commission

- determines should be eligible for the use of a voucher under the program.
- (3) ELIGIBLE EXPENSES.—The term "eligible expenses" means, with respect to a connected device—
- (A) the retail price of the connected device;
- (B) any sales taxes collected by the retailer with respect to the sale of the connected device:
- (C) any shipping charges assessed by the retailer with respect to the connected device; and
- (D) any reasonable (as defined by the Commission) product warranty and technical support services.
- (4) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—The term "eligible individual" means an individual who is a member of an eligible household, as defined in section 904(a)(6) of division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260), except that—
- (A) in determining under subparagraph (A) of such section 904(a)(6) for purposes of this paragraph whether at least 1 member of the household meets the qualifications in subsection (a) or (b) of section 54.409 of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation, paragraph (1) of such subsection (a) shall be applied by striking "135 percent" and inserting "150 percent"; and
- (B) subparagraphs (C) and (E) of such section 904(a)(6) shall not apply for purposes of this paragraph.
- (5) PROGRAM.—The term "Program" means the program established under subsection (d).
- (d) CONNECTED DEVICE VOUCHER PROGRAM.—
- (1) ESTABLISHMENT; REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall establish, and promulgate regulations to implement in accordance with this section, a program through which—
- (A) an eligible individual may obtain a voucher that can be applied toward the purchase of a connected device from a retailer;
- (B) the Commission reimburses the retailer in an amount equal to the lesser of—  $\,$
- (i) the amount of the voucher; or
- (ii) the eligible expenses with respect to the connected device.
- (2) Amount of voucher.—
- (A) IN GENERAL.—The amount of a voucher under the Program shall be \$400, as such amount may be adjusted by the Commission under subparagraph (B).
- (B) REEVALUATION; ADJUSTMENT.—Not later than 3 years after the date on which the Commission promulgates regulations under paragraph (1), and every 3 years thereafter, the Commission shall—
- (i) reevaluate the amount of the voucher; and
- (ii) after conducting such reevaluation, if necessary to ensure that the voucher reflects the average amount of eligible expenses with respect to a connected device, adjust the amount of the voucher.
- (C) PRICE OF CONNECTED DEVICE EXCEEDING AMOUNT OF VOUCHER.—If the eligible expenses with respect to a connected device exceed the amount of the voucher, an eligible individual may—
- (i) apply the voucher to such expenses; and
- (ii) pay the remainder of such expenses to the retailer from other funds available to the individual.
- (3) NUMBER AND FREQUENCY OF VOUCHERS.—An eligible individual may obtain 1 voucher under the Program every 4 years, except that not more than 2 eligible individuals per household may obtain a voucher under the Program every 4 years.
- (4) MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR CONNECTED DEVICES.—

- (A) IN GENERAL.—A voucher under the Program may not be applied toward the purchase of a connected device unless the connected device meets minimum standards to ensure that connected devices meet the needs of the average user, which the Commission shall establish in the regulations promulgated under paragraph (1).
- (B) REEVALUATION; REVISION.—Not later than 3 years after the date on which the Commission promulgates regulations under paragraph (1), and every 3 years thereafter, the Commission shall—
- (i) reevaluate the minimum standards established under subparagraph (A); and
- (ii) after conducting such reevaluation, if necessary to ensure that connected devices continue to meet the needs of the average user, revise such minimum standards.
- (C) STANDARDS FOR NEW AND REFURBISHED DEVICES.—The Commission may establish separate minimum standards under subparagraph (A) for new connected devices and for refurbished connected devices
  - (5) COLLABORATION WITH RETAILERS.—
- (A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall collaborate with retailers to ensure the wide acceptance of vouchers and the wide availability of covered devices that will be free of charge to consumers after applying a voucher.
- (B) Website.—The Commission shall establish a website, which shall—
- (i) link to offerings by retailers of connected devices eligible for the use of a voucher under the Program so that a consumer may initiate the purchase of such a device using the voucher through the website; and
- (ii) if the number of vouchers available over a particular time period is limited, indicate the number of vouchers remaining.
- (C) CATALOG.—The Commission shall establish a catalog, which shall—
- (i) be accessible to consumers without internet access and include offerings by retailers of connected devices eligible for the use of a voucher under the Program; and
- (ii) if the number of vouchers available over a particular time period is limited, indicate the number of vouchers remaining.
- (6) ADVERTISEMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Commission shall advertise the availability of the Program, including by carrying out advertising campaigns in collaboration with retailers of connected devices.
- (7) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Commission shall provide technical assistance to retailers, eligible individuals, and community-based organizations regarding participation in the Program.
- (8) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Commission for fiscal year 2022, to remain available until September 30, 2026, \$2,000,000,000 to carry out this section, of which not more than 3 percent may be used to administer and promote the Program.
  - (e) Enforcement.—
- (1) VIOLATIONS.—A violation of this section or a regulation promulgated under this section shall be treated as a violation of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.) or a regulation promulgated under such Act.
- (2) ENFORCEMENT MANNER.—The Commission shall enforce this section and the regulations promulgated under this section in the same manner, by the same means, and with the same jurisdiction, powers, and duties as though all applicable terms and provisions of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.) were incorporated into and made a part of this section.
- (3) USE OF UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY PERMITTED.—The Commission shall have the authority to avail itself of the services of the Universal Service Administrative Company to implement the Program,